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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A system which facilitates electronic shopping, comprising:  
a graphical image component residing on a user interface; and  
a shopping basket component associated with the graphical image component, the shopping basket component being programmed to provide drag and drop capabilities wherein a user may drag and drop representations of identified items from a plurality of different sources into the graphical image and descriptions of the items will be retained by the shopping basket component[[.]]; and  
an ordering component for identifying items retained by the shopping basket component,  
the ordering component providing for concurrent ordering of at least two of the identified items  
from the different sources.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, the identified items from the plurality of different sources having a common schema associated with the descriptions of the items.
4. (Original) The system of claim 3, the common schema being an XML schema.
5. (Original) The system of claim 1, the user interface being an Internet browser.
6. (Original) The system of claim 5, the Internet browser and the shopping basket component residing on a client computer.

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7. (Original) The system of claim 1, the user interface being a desktop of a client computer and the shopping basket component being a desktop application associated with the graphical image.

8-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) A method for facilitating electronic shopping, comprising: relating items with descriptions corresponding to each of the items, the descriptions conforming to a common schema;

providing a representation of each of the items at a one or more respective distinct sources; linking the representation of each item to a respective description of each item; and

associating a shopping basket component with a graphical image on a user interface, wherein the corresponding description of the item will be retained by the shopping basket component[.]; and

providing an ordering component for identifying items retained by the shopping basket component, the ordering component providing for concurrent ordering of two or more of the identified items from the respective distinct sources of the identified items.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, the common schema being an XML schema.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, the shopping basket component having drag and drop capabilities wherein a user may drag and drop a provided representation of an item of each item using a computer pointer into the graphical image.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, the user interface being one of an Internet browser and a desktop application residing on a client computer.

23-30. (Canceled)

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31. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having computer-executable components comprising:

a graphical image component residing on a user interface; and

the shopping basket component associated with the graphical image component wherein the shopping basket component provides drag and drop capabilities wherein a user may drag and drop representations of identified items from a plurality of disparate sources using a computer pointer into the graphical image and descriptions of the identified items will be retained by the shopping basket component[[.]]; and

an ordering component that identifies items retained by the shopping basket component,  
the ordering component provides for concurrent ordering of the identified items from the  
disparate sources of the identified items.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently amended) An electronic shopping cart system, comprising:

an interface to a plurality of disparate servers; and

a component that employs the interface to select items from at least two of the disparate servers and add the items to an electronic shopping basket through a drag and drop approach, wherein the at least two items from the disparate sources servers can concurrently reside within the electronic shopping basket[[.]]; and

an ordering component that provides for concurrent purchasing of the items.

34. (Previously presented) The system of claim 33, further comprising a wish list component that stores items that are automatically added to the electronic shopping basket when user defined criteria is met.

35. (Previously presented) The system of claim 33, the electronic shopping basket is invoked through one of an icon on a web browser and a selectable menu option.

36. (Canceled)

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37. (Previously presented) The system of claim 33, further comprising a search engine that facilitates searching items residing on the servers.

38. (Withdrawn) A method for processing orders associated with an electronic shopping cart, comprising:

graphically presenting products located in a merchant web site, the products are linked to a schema that provide drag and drop capabilities;

utilizing the schema to add products to an electronic shopping basket by dragging products from the merchant site and dropping them in the electronic shopping basket; and

concurrently ordering the products in the electronic shopping basket through electronic submission and authentication of a purchase order.

39. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 38, respective schema provide a description of an associated product.

40. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 38, respective schema include a list of attributes associated with the product represented.

41. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 40, the attributes include one or more of a source, a description, a price, a link and a link to product details.

42. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 38, further comprising displaying the products in a web browser.